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SUB: COMPLAINTS AGAINST PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

REF: A) SAIGON 425 B) STATE 895

1. COMPLAINT AGAINST AU TRUONG THANH RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE

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PUBLICITY HERE AND BEING LINKED WITH ARRESTS OF ALLEGEDLY PRO-VC INTELLECTUALS BY POLICE DURING PAST SEVERAL DAYS. FILLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF COMPLAINT AGAINST AU TRUONG THANH FILED BY DEPUTY DIEP VAN HUNG IN LETTER TO NA CHAIRMAN PHAN KHAC SUU DATED JULY 6: QUOTE DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN, AS A VOTER, I WOULD LIKE TO CHALLENGE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE LIST OF AU TRUONG THANH AND VU VAN MUYEN WHO ARE USING THE SLOGAN "CEASE FIRE" AND THE SYMBOL "NO MORE BOMBS." PARAGRAPH 9, ARTICLE II , OF LAW 001/67 DATED JUNE 15, 1967, GOVERNING THE ELECTION FOR THE FIRST PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT STATES CLEARLY THAT, "THOSE WHO HAVE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY WORKED FOR COMMUNISM OR PRO-COMMUNIST NEUTRALISM OR WORKED INTHE INTEREST OF COMMUNISM," WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE CANDIDATES. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ME, AU TRUONG THANH SECRETLY JOINED THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND PARTICIPATED IN THE PEACE MOVEMENT IN 1952. HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE DIEM GOVERNMENT IN 1954 AND AGAIN IN 1959 FOR ACTING DIRECTLY ON BEHALF OF COMMUNISM AND PRO-COMMUNIST NEUTRALISM. THERE ARE AMPLE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PRESS ACOUNTS OF

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AU TRUONG THANH'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PEACE MOVEMENT AND HIS ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF COMMUNISM. I AM CERTAIN THAT THE NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICES HAVE AMPLE DOCUMENTS AND EVIDENCE REGARDING AU TRUNG THANH'S SECRET ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMMUNISTS AND HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE PEACE MOVEMENT. IF YOU NEED THIS EVIDENCE, MR. CHAIRMAN, I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT YOU CONTACT THE RESPONSIBLE SECURITY AGENCY IN ORDER TO REVIEW THE NECESSARY DOSSIERS.

IT IS EVEN MORE EVIDENT THAT IN 1964 AND 1966 WHEN AU TRUONG THANH WAS MINISTER FOR NATIONAL ECONOMY, HE IMPLEMENTED THE MARXIST-LENINIST POLICIES OF THE COMMANISTS WITH ANIEW TO SABOTAGING AND WEAKENING THE NATION'S ECONOMY.

GOVEN THE COMPLETE EVIDENCE MENTIONED ABOVE TO THE EFFECT THAT AU TRUONG THANH HAS ACTED DIRECTLY ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNISTS, PRO-COMMUNISTS NEUTRALISTS AND HAS WORKED IN THE INTERESTS OF COMMUNISM, HE SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE CATEGORY OF PERSONS NOT QUALIFIED TO RUN FOR ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 9, ARTICLE II OF LAW 001/6- REFERRED TO ABOVE.

I THEREFORE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU REJECT THE APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY OF AU TRUONG THANH AND VU VAN HUYEN. UNQUOTE

2. COMMENTS ON REPORTED LINK BETWEEN THANH CASE AND RECENT ARRESTS OF INTELLECTUALS FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

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